



Airman 1st Class Corina Scagliola
Air transportation journeyman
728th Air Mobility Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
Years in the Air Force: Three
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Cargo loaders help save lives

Though she’s a few hundred miles from the war zone in Iraq, Airman 1st Class Corina Scagliola helps keep American Airmen and Soldiers off dangerous Iraqi convoy routes plagued by roadside bombs and sniper attacks.

The air transportation journeyman at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and her fellow Airmen unload cargo from civilian transport aircraft that fly into the base from the United States. Then they reload the cargo onto the tactical C-17 Globemaster III aircraft destined for bases in Iraq.

By helping the transports get their critically needed cargo directly to American bases, she and her team of warfighters helps reduce the number of supply convoys on the perilous roads.

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the war on terrorism,” she said. “Certain supplies are needed quickly in the war zone, and we help provide them. They (convoys) stay off the roads. The more they are off the roads, the less danger they’re in.”

When she isn’t working, Airman Scagliola studies culinary arts at Central Texas University. She is also taking in the sites in Turkey, and has already visited mosques and castles.

Though she enjoys learning about different cultures, this high-speed Airman enjoys doing her vital part of the Air Force mission. She knows how important it is, having served at Balad Air Base, Iraq, in 2005.

“I like knowing that my co-workers and I save lives every day,” she said.

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